

# BON APPÉTIT

The Honorable Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D.  
Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner von Eschenbach,

I am writing as Chief Executive Officer of the Bon Appétit Management Company, an onsite custom restaurant company, to urge the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) not to approve of the use of the antibiotic cefquinome to treat respiratory diseases in cattle.

Bon Appétit has 400 restaurants and cafes in 28 states. We serve 80 million meals per year at many of the nation's universities, corporations, and cultural institutions. We are committed to socially responsible business practices that ensure our food is healthy for our customers, communities, and the environment.

Numerous experts have concluded that use of cefquinome in cattle would encourage the evolution of bacteria resistant to antibiotics similar to cefquinome, a member of the powerful fourth generation cephalosporin class of antibiotics. FDA approval of cefquinome would thus threaten the efficacy of drugs essential to treat dangerous infections in people, including children. The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, as well as the FDA's own Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee all oppose the approval of cefquinome for use in cattle. Moreover, cefquinome is not essential to cattle producers: FDA has already approved a number of drugs to treat respiratory diseases in cattle.

Purchase by Bon Appétit of food products from cattle treated with cefquinome would be inconsistent with both our company's dedication to socially responsible business practices and our economic interests. Our customers care about what they eat. They want food which is not just delicious, but which they feel good about consuming. FDA's approval of cefquinome would not just threaten human health, it would also detract from the ability of US food companies such as Bon Appétit to build our businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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CEO, Bon Appétit Management Company

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